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Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

9:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 **Call to Order** 9:30 a.m.
- 2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes—September 2, 2015**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 **Introduction of CMAP Executive Director, Joseph Szabo**
CMAP's new Executive Director, Joseph Szabo, will introduce himself to the committee and answer CMAP and committee related questions.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion
- 5.0 **Next Regional Plan: Broad Priorities – Kristin Ihnchak and Liz Schuh, CMAP Staff**
Building on prior guidance from the CMAP board and a staff charrette conducted in August 2015, staff will discuss the overarching vision, priorities, and audiences for the next comprehensive regional plan.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion
- 6.0 **Next Regional Plan: Undeveloped, Agricultural, and Natural Areas Strategy Paper – Nora Beck, CMAP Staff**
GO TO 2040 focuses on encouraging compact and infill development; while also containing several strategies for those areas of the region that are currently undeveloped, in agricultural use, and/or contain natural resources. CMAP is exploring this topic further for the next plan by evaluating where and how development and preservation efforts have occurred and then evaluating the existing message, policies, and programs currently in place. The goal is to identify effective strategies for preserving these areas as well as guidance on where and how development on these lands can reduce negative impacts and support community livability. Beck will describe the project scope and schedule.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

7.0 Environmental Evaluation of Major Capital projects – Nora Beck and Elizabeth Irvin, CMAP Staff

In past evaluations of capital investments, CMAP has estimated both environmental and economic impacts of candidate transportation improvements. For the environmental impacts, Beck and Irvin will be reviewing past methods for calculating environmental impacts and identifying additional techniques used by other states and MPOs. At this stage, CMAP is requesting ENR committee feedback and ideas and will later return to the committee for review of a draft memo recommending appropriate methods for future capital project evaluations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

8.0 Other Business

9.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 4, 2015 at 9:30 am.

10.0 Adjournment

Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members:

___Lynn Boerman
___Ed Collins
___Jack Darin
___Martha Dooley
___Jon Grosshans

___Pete Harnet
___Anne McKibben
___Stacy Meyers
___Joe Schuessler
___Deborah Stone

___Mike Sullivan
___Wallace Van Buren
___Sean Wiedel
___Patricia Werner